

BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
March 13, 2006 MINUTES

On Monday, March 13, 2006, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 10:00 AM, with Commissioners Ted Coffman, David Schulz and Frank Nelson present.

Frank Nelson moved to approve the March 6, 2006, minutes as read. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those present at the meeting were Tim Kristovich, Mike Waite and Roger Staley. Tim Kristovich, District 3 Commissioner Candidate, was present to observe the meeting.

Denny Rehberg Representative: Mike Waite, Field Representative for Denny Rehberg, met with the Board to discuss areas of concern in Madison County. Topics of discussion included recommended wilderness areas, removal of wilderness study areas, nursing homes funding, and possible funding for the proposed Courthouse addition.

SMA Architects Conference Call: The Board conducted a conference call with Rick Schlenker and Jason Davis of SMA Architects. Rick Schlenker discussed the main goals of adding an addition to the Courthouse. One is handicapped accessibility to all levels of the Courthouse, including restrooms, another is expanding and updating the Sheriff's Department and the jail, and the final objective is to get all offices in the same building. Rick stated that the staff interviews went well and staff members were all very helpful. Rick outlined a schedule for the process of getting the bond issue on the ballot and tentatively scheduled the next meeting with the Board for March 24, 2006, at 10:00 AM.

CIP for TSEP Bridges: The Board conducted a conference call with Dan McCauley of Great West Engineering, to discuss the Capitol Improvement Plan for TSEP Bridges. Dan will draft a resolution for adopting bridge priorities.

Proposed RID's: The Board discussed the proposed RID's. Frank Nelson moved to approve a letter to Kristin N. Hansen of Moore, O'Connell & Refling, in response to a letter from her dated March 6, 2006, regarding Moore's Creek RID 2006-03. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Fire Alarm System: Roger Staley met with the Board to discuss the fire alarm system. The alarm has been ringing in the middle of the night for no reason. The system has been checked and it has been determined that the problem must be with the panel. David Schulz moved to contract with Fire Suppression Systems to remove the existing fire alarm system and install a new fire alarm system as proposed on the quote dated March 8, 2006. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Ennis Hot Springs Letter of Support: David Schulz moved to approve a letter of support to the Montana Department of Agriculture for a proposed geothermal study of a hot springs located outside of Ennis. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Public Discussion: The Board discussed advertising for a new position in the Juvenile Probation program. Frank Nelson moved to advertise for a full time Director of the Juvenile Strategies and Accountability Programs starting at \$15.00 per hour plus benefits, contingent on continued grant funding. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Claims: The Board approved claims.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

C. Ted Coffman, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: March 20, 2006
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